necessary economic factor are in optimum availability, the objective of regional balance can have only limited relevance in such cases.

(vi) Housing & Urban Development includes provision for six schemes only. For HUDCO the total plan outlay was Rs. 50 crores. The actual releases amount to Rs. 675.87 crores. This is due to market borrowings of the HUDCO. Besides information on Stationery & Printing is still awaited.

Setting up of High Courts in the States of North Eastern region

3076. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that setting up of High Courts in each State in North Eastern Region was agreed upon in principle; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at present the Guwahati High Court has inadequate number of Judges to send even a bench court to Agartala;

(c) whether it is a fact that the litigants of Tripura have to incur a lot of expenditure to get the benefits of the High Court; and

(d) if the answer of part (a), (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take to give relief to the litigants of Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. It has been agreed, in principle, that there should be separate High Courts for each of the States in the north-eastern region; for this purpose, Parliamentary legislation is required. Till separate High Courts are formed, it has been decided to establish permanent Benches of the Guahati High Court in the capitals of those States which require them (like Tripura), by issue of Presidential Orders, after the requisite infrastructural facilities have been provided by the State Governments concerned.

(b) There are at present 2 vacancies of Judges in the Guwahati High Court against the sanctioned strength of 10 Judges. Circuit Benches visit the capitals of Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura as and when considered necessary and appropriate by the Chief Justice of the High Court.

(c) and (d) The decision indicated in (a) above has been taken having regard to the inconvenience felt by the litigants of the concerned States, including Tripura.

Setting up of a High Court in Manipur

3077. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Manipur Bar Association for the setting up of a separate High Court for Manipur; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, sir. The proposal for establishment of a separate High Court for Manipur was received from the Manipur Bar Association, and also from the Government of Manipur.

It has been agreed, in principle, that there should be separate High Courts for each of the States (including Manipur) in the north-eastern region; for this purpose, Parliamentary legislation is required. Till separate High Courts are formed,